

## **Pet Impounding**

### **Each case is different, depending on:**

- the number of times the pet has been impounded
- medical care if injured or ill
- vaccinations given upon impound
- current rabies vaccination
- current license
- number of days the pet has been at the shelter.

The State charges a \$35 surcharge for any unaltered animal that is running loose. Those fees will double or triple for each additional time the animal is found loose. There is a reduced fee for a first time impoundment for dogs with a current license.

**Make sure your pet is wearing current identification at all times.** If an Animal Control Officer picks up your pet, and it is wearing identification, he or she will make every attempt to return your pet to you before impounding it into the shelter. Consider implanting a microchip into your pet. Many pets lose their collars and tags fairly easily.

### **Find out how your pet got out:**

- Walk the perimeter of your fence
- Look for any holes your pet may have dug
- Look for loose boards.

If a family member or gardener left the gate open, consider putting locks on your gates. If your pet ran out the door because it wasn't latched properly or your pet escaped while someone was entering or exiting the house, make changes so that your pet doesn't get out again.